

5       **A SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR AUTOMATIC COLOR AND EXPOSURE  
CORRECTION IN AN IMAGE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10           A system and process for improving the appearance of improperly colored  
and/or improperly exposed images is presented. This involves the use of two  
novel techniques--namely an automatic color correction technique and an  
automatic exposure correction technique. The automatic color correction  
15       technique takes information from within an image to determine true color  
characteristics, and improves the color in improperly colored pixels. The  
automatic exposure correction technique measures the average intensity of all of  
the pixels and adjusts the entire image pixel by pixel to compensate for over or  
under exposure. These techniques are stand alone in that each can be applied  
20       to an image exclusive of the other, or they can both be applied in any order  
desired.